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Public Hearing to be Held On Renaming Cipriano Rd.

Once again Cipriano Road is in the headlines. Four years ago the Prince Georges County Planning Board touched off a hornet's nest by proposing to rename Cipriano Road, which is located about a mile and a half east of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway opposite NASA. The problem was that Cipriano Road going south ran into a road called Telegraph Road at the intersection with Good Luck Road, and the Planning Board was attempting to avoid the confusion of having the same road with two names by having the entire road named Telegraph Road.

This proposal brought a speedy protest from the Greenbelt city council and local citizens who felt that the road was a tribute to Joseph "Pop" Cipriano who settled in this area in 1910 and who was a pioneer in the early road construction of this area.

The outcome in 1970 was that the Planning Board agreed with the city to retain the name Cipriano Road. Its solution was to eliminate the name Telegraph Road and give "Pop" Cipriano's name to the entire road, making his monument twice as long as it was before.

March 27 Hearing

This change, however, has not set well with the residents of Telegraph Road who have now petitioned to have the entire road renamed Telegraph Road. A public hearing will be conducted by the Planning Board on Wednesday, March 27, at 5 p.m. at its Regional Office Building at 6600 Kenilworth Ave., Riverdale.

The Greenbelt city council has gone on record opposing the renaming of Cipriano Road between Greenbelt Road and Good Luck Road. It cited the significant role that Cipriano, aged 96, played in the original construction of Good Luck and Cipriano Roads and said that to change the name would be an insult to one of the county's most distinguished citizens and community leaders.

Cipriano was the moving force in first making the road passable, using his own labor. Later in 1932 he got the county to pony up \$4,000, and added \$500 of his own money to open a two-mile stretch of the road connecting the communities of Glenn Dale and Branchville for the first time.

Its opening was marked by parades and other fanfare followed by a picnic at Cipriano's 100-acre farm. Many high officials attended the gala party, hailing the important link which cut the distance over improved roads from Branchville to Glenn Dale from 17 to 6 miles.

Cipriano came to New York as an immigrant from Italy at the age of 14. While he was a metal worker he took up weight lifting, and later toured as a 122-pound

strong man who could hoist more than his own weight over his head with one hand. A featured trick was boosting a platform with three men standing on it.

For many years Cipriano was an institution at the local Greenbelt July 4 and Labor Day parades. He has made many contributions to the community in the form of volunteer work and donations.

Four years ago it was thought that his name would be permanently embedded in local history through the road that bears his name. But now this is no longer certain.

SHL Get-together

On Mon., March 25 the Springhill Lake Civic Association will hold an ambitious "Get Acquainted Fest" designed to familiarize Springhill Lake residents with SHL and city organizations, groups, and services.

Among those scheduled to present their programs are: Greenbelt CARES, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, SHL Men's Club, SHL Civic Association, SHL Parent Teachers' Association, SHL Democratic and Republican clubs, the Greenbelt Library, Retired Senior Volunteers, Prince Georges Community College, and city officials.

The meeting, held in the Community Room above the SHL pharmacy, will begin at 8 p.m. All are invited and refreshments will be served.

WHAT GOES ON

Fri., March 22, 8:30 p.m., Duplicate Bridge, Co-op Hospitality Room.

Sat., March 23, 11-3 p.m., Boys and Girls Club Sign-up, Youth Center - S.H.L. Community House.

Mon., March 25, 8 p.m., SHL Get-together, Community Room above SHL pharmacy.

Thurs., March 28, 7:45 p.m., GHI Meeting, Hamilton Place. 8 p.m., PRAB Meeting on SHL Recreation Center, SHL Elementary School

Council to Protest Greenbriar Easement; Mayor Pilski Dissents

by Al Skolnik

Entering into what may be (but don't bet on it) the last stages of the Greenbriar sewage treatment plant controversy, the city council at its Monday, March 18 meeting, agreed to submit adverse comments on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) prepared by Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC). The EIS issued last month had visualized no significant or detrimental impact upon the environment if an easement were granted permitting the effluent from the Greenbriar on-site plant to be piped 150 feet across GSFC property for discharge into an unnamed tributary of Beaver Dam Creek also on GSFC property. Comments were asked by April 1.

The dying Greenbriar issue, however, drew some sparks at last Monday's meeting as Mayor Richard Pilski announced that he was in favor of the granting of an easement and would submit a minority report. "We originally asked that the effluent be piped to a point where there was a free-flowing stream and now that this is being done," he said, "we are withdrawing our support." But councilman Charles Schwan took issue, stating that the city council has never supported the Greenbriar treatment plant. "Pilski's recounting of the situation is just his interpretation," Schwan said.

Majority View

The majority of council in its comments drew attention to several aspects of the Greenbriar situation that it thought had not been dealt with adequately in the EIS. The major beef of the council was that the Western Branch permanent sewer system will be expanded by 1975 and that therefore in a relatively short period of time there will be no necessity for the temporary sewage plant. It saw no reason for the plant's approval, other than the developer's personal benefit. As put by the council, "The owners of other undeveloped property in the area are waiting for public sewerage and why should this developer be treated differently?"

In addition, the majority of council pointed out that the sewage plant will not remove nitrogen from the effluent nor have virus sampling. Pilski replied that the experts both in and out of government have already testified that the plant will meet all Federal and State safety standards.

The majority of council also drew attention to the granting of a variance by the County Board of Appeals which reduced the required green space for the Greenbriar development. Pilski said that the amount of green space lost was of little import.

The council was unhappy over the fact that the effluent will be discharged into a stream which is part of the city storm drainage system and which it desires to keep free of pollutants. Pilski said that this argument seems to have been thrown in as an afterthought since it had not been given much attention earlier. Council also objected to the fact that the on-site plant would not be publicly-owned but Pilski observed that it would be publicly-operated.

Finally, the council expressed misgivings that GSFC was not holding a public hearing on the EIS and urged that no easement be approved until the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has conducted its public hearing and granted a permit.

GHI CALLS MEMBERS' MEETING TO CONSIDER RISE IN CHARGES

by Al Skolnik

A special membership meeting to approve a financing program to pay the costs of heating renovations and to cover the fuel oil deficit has been decided upon by the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. board of directors. The meeting has been scheduled for the week of April 15, time and place to be announced later.

The membership will be asked to authorize the borrowing of \$173,000 for heating plant improvements, the money to be paid back through an increase in monthly charges effective June 1, 1974. In addition, if the members approve, monthly charges will be increased to make up the \$41,307 deficit in fuel oil costs that were incurred in calendar year 1973 plus the fuel oil deficit incurred during the first three months of 1974. The latter figure will not be known precisely until the close of business March 31, but it is expected to be in the vicinity of \$20,000-\$25,000.

The \$173,000 for heating capital improvements breaks down as follows: \$116,000 for the brick homes for installation of variable temperature heating controls and \$57,000 for the frame homes for (1) renovation of the four large boilers (\$51,000) and for (2) the 12 Ridge court pilot project conversion from steam heat to hot water (\$6,000).

Details Not Exact Yet

The exact details of the financing program will be worked out by the board at its next meeting on Thursday, March 28. The intent is to borrow the money from whatever source is most favorable (including temporary deferment of

the mortgage principal by the Government National Mortgage Association, holder of the GHI mortgage).

Unsettled are such questions as to the duration of the capital improvement loan. GHI comptroller Don McGinn calculated that monthly charges for the brick homes would have to go up an average of \$3.69 a month if the \$116,000 needed were borrowed for five years at 4% (the interest charged by GNMA). At 9% (the commercial bank rate), the monthly increase would be an average of \$4.16. These increases would vary from unit to unit, depending on the amount of heating space in each unit.

The monthly increase for the frame homes would be less since only \$57,000 is being borrowed in their case and the payments would be spread among twice as many homeowners.

Also unsettled is the question of the time period over which the corporation would recover the fuel oil deficit — whether the entire fuel oil deficit would be recovered during the remaining seven months of 1974 or during a longer period. Obviously, the amount of the increase in monthly charges to cover the fuel deficit would depend on this time period.

Another uncertain element is whether individual homeowners would be permitted to pay off their share of the loan for capital improvements in a lump sum, thus saving interest charges. The \$116,000 spread among 574 brick homeowners would average about \$200 per unit. The \$57,000 spread among 1,000 frame homeowners would average about \$57 per unit.

GHI Scraping Bottom

At the Thursday, March 14 board meeting, director Tom White, chairman of the Finance Committee, noted that at best about \$45,000 from reserves could be scraped together for the heating program. The board thus voted to inform the low bidder (Arey, Inc.) that it could only commit itself to this amount of work, in the absence of approval by the members.

Director Don Volk, while favoring the request for additional membership funding, cautioned that there is some difference of opinion as to the amount of savings that would be produced by the heating improvement program. He pointed out that some experts feel the savings in fuel oil consumption would be as much as 15% in which case the outlay in capital improvements would be recouped in a couple of years. Other experts, however, feel that the savings might be as little as 5% in which case recovery could take up to 7 years.

The board received some optimistic signs that the fuel oil crisis has ceased. Oil companies have indicated an interest in contracting for the bulk sale of oil at lowered prices provided the corporation pays storage and delivery charges and prepaids the entire bill.

Other Matters

Several housekeeping matters occupied the board's attention. It approved a reshuffling of \$6,800 from the structural maintenance budget to the heating budget to increase the work force of the heating department. It also approved the purchase of 3 additional trucks (one a replacement) to permit increased utilization of the preventive maintenance crew.

The board was informed by the Maryland Water Resources Administration that it had no standing in the case of the Greenbriar temporary sewage treatment plant controversy and therefore could not administratively appeal the decision of WRA to grant a permit for a discharge. It could, however, seek a judicial appeal, according to WRA.

IN GREENBELT'S LIBRARY

A book discussion on "Tender is the Night" by F. Scott Fitzgerald and "Save Me the Waltz" by Zelda Fitzgerald will take place March 26, 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the library. These two novels are autobiographical accounts of a flamboyant age. To register for the discussion call 345-5800. Copies of the books will be available.

Spring Fashion Show

A Spring Fashion Show sponsored by Beta Theta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi International Sorority will be held Wed., March 27, in the Springhill Lake Community House.

Fashions modeled will be courtesy of Joseph R. Harris. Tickets may be purchased in advance from members of Beta Theta, or call 490-2754 or stop at the Springhill Lake Community House. Door prizes and light refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the show.

Harvey, Arrington Receive Life Membership in PTA

Tuesday evening at the Springhill Lake Elementary School, two active members of the SHL PTA were awarded life-time memberships in the Maryland Parents-Teachers Association. Raymond Krasnick, vice president of the SHL PTA announced the recipients of the award: Ms. Florence M. Harvey and Luther Arrington. Ms. Harvey is a board member and in charge of a number of projects, Arrington is past president of the Oakcrest Elementary School PTA and present president of the SHL PTA.

Life membership in the Maryland PTA is an honorary award and recognizes the dedication that the individual has shown in furthering the PTA.

Krasnick recalled the many hours Ms. Harvey put in the PTA projects and the fact that many of the PTA members relied heavily on her for direction and leadership. Krasnick also told of Arrington's contribution to the Oakcrest PTA and to the SHL PTA during the turbulent days of the recent pupil reassignment.

The awards were presented by Ms. Lesley Kreimer, member of the Prince Georges County Board of Education. Ms. Kreimer spoke of the value PTA has in furthering the educational processes in the public school system.



"Pop" Cipriano pictured (on the right) during the 1972 Labor Day Festival. He and Jerry Goodin (on the left) served as Parade Marshals.

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GHI Is "Sick"

To the Editor:

When a patient is desperately sick and refuses to take medicine prescribed or treatment suggested he is hurting himself or his family if they are concerned.

When a corporation like Greenbelt Homes Inc., is ailing and "sick", its poor, behind-the-times functioning in maintenance, financial controls and member information can hurt many people. Yes, the word is "sick" and this was the adjective repeated by one of the consultants from Cresap, McCormick and Paget; when a board member asked him if the corporation was really "sick".

The corporation has in my opinion a weak and indecisive chairman, some board members that seldom ask a question, apparently never check an invoice or a contract, suggest no improvement of existing policies, management that has seldom innovated, hasn't solved with or without Mr. Kane the ten-year old heating problems, and added to but not cut down on payroll that is breaking our collective financial backs, and members too who never attend a meeting, never read a report or vote for a change of board members.

So here we are in the year 1974, borrowed to the hilt, with loans and high interest charges on an ill-financed building program, (with the quality of some of the buildings in question) and a capital improvements loan of nearly half a million dollars all gone, which did not even take care of the really long-term needs, the main purpose for a program of this scope.

1. Most of the members in the frame homes and brick ones too, for that matter, who are concerned are saying loud and clear "No more borrowing and no more deficit financing." I would like to quote a member who wrote me this week, "If we keep on the way we have been, we will be like the newly married man earning a large salary who can't take his wife out for an evening on the town because he has to pay off a loan on the living room furniture, a loan on the stove, a loan on the bedroom furniture, a loan on the TV, a loan on his car, a loan on her car, a loan on his sailboat, a loan on his motorized workshop tools, a loan on his golf cart, etc."

2. No tinkering with the GNMA mortgage on the original brick and frame homes. Have you written your congressman Lawrence (Larry) Hogan and the president of GNMA, Mr. Kingman in the HUD building? A call against this perilous plan is better than no protest at all.

3. To Mr. O'Donnell, who has spent many hours in engineering conferences and committee meetings on fuel-saving methods and permanent improvements to the heating plants and it is hoped corrective action such as vapor-barriers in the sorely neglected frame homes, I would say use the reserves, as Mrs. Hutzler very wisely suggested to the members before the December 5 meeting on the budget. The manager is our source of information that we have \$317,000 and about \$86,000 in new working capital. If management makes the cuts in the administrative set up and trimmed the fat, there would be, as one of the other members is going to suggest in detail, enough to take care of part or, perhaps, all of the program.

4. Finally there should be an immediate audit of the capital improvements loan. After having the privilege of seeing top budget managers review a county capital improvements program with the constant evaluation, and analysis of professional know how one can see

just how much talent we have lacked on the board and management level. It has cost us many, many dollars, I'm afraid.

The time has come for an immediate directive for the manager to trim administrative costs and with the help of the new auditors controls on daily expenditures. Unless there is a quick improvement, I think the membership should consider engaging a management firm to run this corporation. It is the Board's move now. They are responsible for seeing that this business is run at maximum efficiency with a minimum unnecessary waste of the members' money.

Eunice E. Coxon

Delay Explained

Due to unusually dry weather last Thursday, the News Review printer had difficulty with press because of static electricity. We regret the delay in the delivery of the papers.

Orde Wingate Memorial

At 1 p.m. on Sun., March 24, a Jewish memorial service and a program commemorating General Orde Wingate will be held at his grave in Arlington National Cemetery, marking the 30th anniversary of his death. Wingate was one of the most colorful and interesting personalities in World War II, an exponent of unconventional tactics who proved his views in a guerilla campaign in Ethiopia and in deep penetrations behind enemy lines in Burma.

Congregation Mishkan Torah (J-CC) is sponsoring a bus to the ceremony which will include speakers, songs and a dramatic presentation on Wingate's life. There is a charge for seats. Participants are advised to take bag lunches and to be at the synagogue at Ridge and Westway at 12 noon. They are also invited to attend a free showing of a 45-minute film about Israel's recent war, starting at 11 a.m. The bus is expected to return at 3 p.m.

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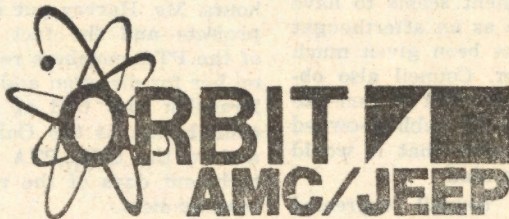
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Critical of GHI

To the Editor:

Regarding Mat Amberg's remarks about those of us who have written our Congressman, may I state that I have written not one but two letters to Rep. Hogan regarding the situation at GHI. Here's why:

Point 1: We have a general manager and a board that determines our budget by 1954 guidelines instead of 1974 management practices.

Point 2: Our 1974 budget calls for the expenditure of \$266,327 for pure administrative expenses whereas by today's standards of operation a sum of some \$75,000 is more in keeping with what could be allowed by our total budget of less than \$3,000,000. The reason being that today's high prices for materials and labor have driven maintenance costs up, also the high price of fuel oil has driven heating costs up - so we simply don't have the funds for former administrative practices.

Point 3: Our 1974 budget does not call for any funds to be put into reserves whereas sound business management practices call for a reduction of administrative costs so reserves can be put aside.

Point 4: Today budgets are not figured by taking the previous year's budget and adding on increased costs for taxes, supplies for heating and maintenance etc. Because of this, the GHI "financial pie" has been cut into the wrong slices.

Point 5: Because we did not update our method of budgeting in 1960 - yes some 15 years ago - when other firms found it necessary to do so, we are without funds to do even some minor updating of our heating system.

Point 6: How do you answer the young lady from the townhouses when she asks: "Where did all of the money go that has been collected each month for maintenance of my house - I understand the fund is depleted and we cannot repaint the townhouses although they need painting at the present time?" This young lady sees that blight has set in already after only 4 years of operation of the townhouses.

Yes - Mat - I saw the hand writing on the wall when I moved into GHI in the winter of 1972 - the lack of preventative maintenance, the lack of knowledgeable management, the sad state of our financial position, the rot and deterioration of our dwellings. And I see now that we simply cannot continue operating by 1954 standards. So, I have written Rep. Hogan appraising our situation and informing him that "What really needs to be done is to conduct an investigation by the proper governmental authorities into the management of Greenbelt Homes Incorporated not a seeking of relief from the Government National Mortgage Association." Yes - Mat 20 years experience as an engineer and experience in cost control makes me apprehensive of the way GHI is managed.

Ben A. Hogsensen

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WHEREAS, a better understanding of the complex tasks performed daily by the hundreds of dedicated postal employees will lead to a more efficient use of the mail by all citizens, and;

WHEREAS, it is fitting that our school children, who comprise our greatest single resource for the future, gain a more thorough knowledge of the rich history and function of our U.S. Postal Service;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard R. Pilski, Mayor of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, by authority vested in me by the citizens and Council of the City of Greenbelt, do hereby proclaim the week of March 25-30, 1974 as

STUDENT POSTAL WEEK

During this week, our children will participate, in their classrooms, in a comprehensive study of how our country moves the mail. In this way, they will better understand the key role this nation's postal system has played in the dissemination of ideas and information, a role essential to the knowledge and effective participation by a free people in their government.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand this 21st day of March, 1974 and have caused the official seal of the City of Greenbelt to be affixed.

Richard R. Pilski
Mayor

ATTEST:
Gudrun H. Mills, City Clerk

Progress on Sludge Disposal Made by Beltsville Unit

by Elaine Skolnik

One of the major problems accompanying the development of large advanced or tertiary wastewater treatment plants is the disposition of sludge (the solid waste produced after treatment of sewage). Sludge produced by such plants is of much greater quantity and contains more pungent odors than that produced by secondary treatment plants because of the addition of chemicals.

Tests to date, conducted by the Agricultural Research Station (ARS) at Beltsville in a joint program of the Agriculture Department and the Maryland Environmental Service (MES), have shown that sludge produced by secondary treatment plants can be successfully converted into compost. (Composting is a method of mixing sludge with woodchips and leaves, aerated and heated to kill odor and pathogens.) Such sludge, which is known as digested sludge, is already being used as a soil conditioner by the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission. The compost can also be utilized to reclaim sterile lands and those scalped by strip mining, and to improve clay soil. The ARS composting operation conducted by the Biological Waste Management Laboratory is said to be the largest of its kind in the world.

Problems

Problems still remain, however, with respect to converting the chemical or undigested (raw) sludge produced by the tertiary plants. Originally, the Beltsville project, which started testing in March 1973, confined itself to the handling of digested sludge produced by the secondary treatment processes at the Blue Plains sewage treatment plant, about 70 to 90 tons a day. When Blue Plains instituted the interim chemical treatment process, the sludge transported to Beltsville soon averaged some 200 tons a day by mid-September. Along with it came a noxious odor that was just too strong for surrounding communities to endure.

As a result, the chemical treatment process at Blue Plains was halted, and ARS once again received smaller amounts of digested sludge each day. Experiments using chemical sludge, which is being produced in nominal amounts at Blue Plains, are underway by ARS scientists who feel that the undigested sludge with its nitrogen, phosphorous and other valuable chemicals can be converted into much needed fertilizer.

At Blue Plains, a pilot project conducted by a private contractor has begun, consisting of organic recycling of sludge employing thermal dehydration processes. The sludge will be converted into a powder which will be marketed as a fertilizer.

Seeking Extension

MES is now seeking county council approval of an extension of the sludge testing program which is scheduled to cease at the end of this month.

Both Dr. John Walker of ARS and Clinton Albrecht of MES feel that the drastic increase in the amount of sludge sent to Beltsville from Blue Plains, plus adverse weather conditions produced the offensive odors in September. They believe that given time and funds to support the project, the odor problem can be licked and useful products developed from the undigested chemical sludge. They point with pride to the support their Beltsville neighbors, The Oakland Citizens Association are giving them for an extension of the test-

ing period. Albrecht said, "These people who have suffered from the odors have gone to bat for us and we are grateful for their participation."

Methods of Sludge Disposal

Experts feel that the only feasible and environmentally sound way to dispose of sludge is by converting the thick, oozy waste material into useful resources such as compost. Composting is considered the most flexible and sensible method of solid waste disposal and is said to be ecologically preferable to incineration, landfill or ocean dumping.

Ocean dumping is already being phased out by the government and there is a lack of space for landfills. In fact, the current dispute between Prince Georges and Montgomery counties involves the reluctance of each jurisdiction to find landfills for the disposal of sludge.

In the past year, approximately 186,000 tons of sludge were dumped in Prince Georges County. County officials have resented the fact that Montgomery County, although it promised last year to select a site, never picked out acreage and has yet to take any sludge.

Recently a Federal court ordered that a fair-share agreement be worked out between the two counties to accept equal amounts of sludge from Blue Plains for 60 days until a permanent dumping site can be negotiated. During the 60-day negotiation period, sludge will be trucked to a 600-acre farm east of Cederville State Forest in southern Prince Georges county for 30 days, after which a Montgomery County site will be used.

Experts thus feel that in the long run, unless sludge can be recycled and converted for land application, incineration will be the only way to dispose of the large quantities of sludge that will be produced by the more efficient advanced regional sewage treatment plants in the future.

For example, Blue Plains now produces about 300 tons of sludge a day. When the plant starts its advanced wastewater treatment in 1978, it will be faced with disposing of nearly four times that amount.

Incineration has been attacked by environmentalists as too costly, wasteful (potentially valuable substances like nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium are lost) and hazardous (gaseous pollutants and particulate matter can escape into the atmosphere and eventually enter human lungs).

Greenbriar

The amount of undigested sludge that will be produced by the Greenbriar sewage treatment plant in Greenbelt will not present a problem, according to officials who described it as "a drop in the bucket." One truck-load of sludge each week will be carried to a regional plant where it will be placed into a digester or disposed of in a manner to be decided upon by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission.

POSTAL WEEK

Monday, March 25, the Post Office will kick off the first Postal Service Week according to Postmaster Emory Harman.

The service has developed an education kit for children in the 3rd, 4th and 5th grades to educate future postal customers about services.

LADDER TOURNAMENT

The Greenbelt Tennis Association's Ladder Tournament will be held at the Braden Field Tennis Courts on March 23-24, 30-31 beginning at 8 a.m. each day. Those interested in playing in the tournament need only show up at the courts. Membership in GTA is the only requirement and new members are welcome. Join GTA at the tournament by filling out an application form (available at the courts and paying your dues. If a membership form was received in the mail, bring it and dues along to the courts. Only if weather conditions are severe, will the tournament be postponed by one week. For marginal weather conditions check at the courts for the tournament status. If the turnout is as large as last year's, plan to spend some time waiting.

The ladder ranking system is set up to provide competition and interest among members. It's open to men and women. A separate women's ladder is maintained to encourage women players. 474-5506.

Attention

GHI SENIOR CITIZENS

Attention

Citizens who filed last year have received or will shortly receive in the mail, a simplified form to fill in and mail to the County.

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1974 Spring Leisure Time Activities

In-person registration: first come-first served basis, March 25, 3:30-5 p.m. and March 26, 7-9 p.m. at the Greenbelt Youth Center. March 27, 4-5:30 p.m. at the Springhill Lake Elementary School. Late registration on a space available basis only. Individuals may register by phone, 474-6878, or in person at the Youth Center on March 28, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Saturday classes will begin on March 30 with NO CLASSES on Saturday, April 13 and 20, unless otherwise arranged for by the instructor. Weekday programs begin during the week of April 1.

Location Code: BFTC-Braden Field Tennis Courts; CS-Center Elementary School; LC-TC-Lakecrest Tennis Courts; RRC-Ridge Road Center; SHLRC-Springhill Lake Recreation Center; YC-Youth Center.

*Babysitting - daytime hours only as designated; \$2.50/per child for entire course.

ACTIVITIES	LOCATION	DAY/TIME	AGE GROUP	FEE (Non-Res + 25%)
Archery	RRC	Sat.10:30-11:30am Sat.11:30-12:30pm	8&0 8&0	\$5/8 classes \$5/8 classes
Arts & Crafts	YC	Mon.4:30-5:30pm Wed.4:30-5:30pm Fri. 4:30-5:30pm Sat.9-11am	1-2 grades 3-4 grades 5-6 grades 1-6 grades	FREE - 8 weeks FREE - 8 weeks FREE - 8 weeks FREE - 8 weeks
Auto Mechanics	RRC	Thur.7-9pm	Teen/Adult	\$12/5 2-hr. classes
Ballet - Pre School II	YC	Sat.9:30-10:30am	4-5 yr olds	\$8/8 classes
Beginner		Sat.10:30-11:30am	6&0	\$8/8 classes
Advanced		Sat.11:30-12:30pm	6&0	\$8/8 classes
Boys' Model Building	SHLRC	Tue.4:30-5:30pm	1-8 grades	FREE-8 wks. bring own model
Ceramics Beginner		*Tue.10-12n	Adult	\$12/5 2-hr. classes
(Pottery) Intermediate		Wed.8-10pm	Teen/Adult	plus materials fee
Workshop		*Thu.10-12n	Adult	
Beginner		Thu.8-10pm	Teen/Adult	
Beginner		Sun.8-10pm	Teen/Adult	
Clay Modeling	YC	Sat.9:30-10:30am	6&0	\$8/8 classes
Creative Carousel	YC	Sat.11-12n	4&5 yr olds	\$8/8 classes
Crocheting - Advanced	YC	*Thu.10-12n	Adult	\$10/6 2-hr. classes
Dog Obedience	RRC	Tue.7-8pm Tue.8-9pm Tu.9-10pm	Puppy (3-5 MO) Basic Advanced	\$15/10 classes \$15/10 classes \$15/10 classes
Golf Fundamentals	SHLRC	Tue.6:30-8pm	14&0	\$10/7 classes
Greenbelt Chucks/Lassies	YC/SHLRC	Sat.9-11am	6-9 yr. olds	FREE - 8 weeks
Karate - Self Defense				
Women Only	RRC	Thu.7-8:30pm	16&0	\$10/8 classes
Beginner		Thu.8:30-10pm	Adult/Teen	\$10/8 classes
Beginner		Sat.1-2:30pm	8&0	\$10/8 classes
Intermediate		Sat.2:30-4pm	8&0	\$10/8 classes
Knitting	YC	*Thu.1-3pm	Adult	\$10/8 2-hr. classes
Sewing	YC	*Fri.1-3pm	Adult	\$8/8 2-hr. classes
Slimnastics Intermediate	RRC	Mon.7-8:30pm	Teen/Adult	\$8/7 classes
Beginner	RRC	Mon.8:30-10pm	Teen/Adult	\$8/7 classes
Beginner	BFTC	*Tue./Thu.1-2pm	Adult	\$8/5 2-hr. classes
Advanced	YC	Tue./Thu.6:15-7:15pm	Teen/Adult	\$8/5 2-hr. classes
Storytime	YC	Tue.4:30-5:30pm	Pre-School-3rd grade	FREE
Tennis - Beginner	BFTC	Mon.6-7:30pm	Teen/Adult	\$12/7 classes
Beginner	BFTC	*Wed.1-2:30pm	Adult	\$12/7 classes
Beginner	LCTC	Wed.6-7:30pm	Teen/Adult	\$12/7 classes
Beginner	BFTC	Sat.8-9:30am	Teen/Adult	\$12/7 classes
Intermediate	BFTC	Sat.9:30-11am	Teen/Adult	\$12/7 classes
Weaving	YC	*Thu.10-12n	Adult	\$16/10 2-hr. classes
Yoga - Beginner	YC	Tue.7:15-8:45pm	Teen/Adult	\$10/7 classes
Intermediate	YC	Tue.8:45-10:15pm	Teen/Adult	\$10/7 classes

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LAND ACQUISITION, SHL GOLF COURSE ABSORBS CITY COUNCIL

by Al Skolnik

A major portion of last Monday's meeting of city council was devoted to the city's land acquisition program. The city has many areas in town where additional parkland is desired but many questions remain unsettled such as priority of purchase and which tracts to purchase.

At this time major interest is centered on parcel 1, the 100+ acres located north of Northway extended between the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. property and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. Both the Advisory Planning Board and the Park and Recreation Advisory Board have submitted reports relating to the acquisition of land in parcel 1. Both reports agree that additional land should be acquired but differ in most other aspects.

The APB recommends acquisition of a 30 acre strip extending from the northern city limits to the Board of Education property in the south, along the eastern border of parcel 1 and adjacent to the 14 acre surplus parcel donated recently by the Federal Government to the city. The bulk of such an acquisition would be a stream valley and flood plain.

PRAB has proposed that the city acquire only a minimum quantity of property adjacent to the 14 acres of surplus land and that the bulk of the property acquired not be flood plain land. PRAB also thought that the actual parcels acquired could be subject to negotiation with the developer.

Council was generally sympathetic to the purchase of land outside the flood plain, since flood plain land would have to stay in an undeveloped form regardless of who owned the land. However, under the terms of the Federal government donation of the 14 acres of surplus land, the city has to augment the 14 acres with another 15 acre purchase of adjacent land and develop a park plan. Another consideration is the fact that flood plain land costs much less than land not within the flood plain and the city is limited in funds available for land purchase.

Council decided to send the matter back to the city manager for further study but set down several considerations for the manager: (1) the purchase should consist of a minimum amount of flood plain land, consistent with meeting the Federal Government requirement of purchasing 15 acres of adjacent land; (2) the purchase should include land easily accessible from Greenbelt Homes, Inc. property since the latter is limited in recreational facilities; and (3) that parcel 1 be inspected from the standpoint of what tracts would lend themselves to development of a variety of recreational usages, such as athletic fields, wilderness type park, etc.

SHL Golf Course

Another item consuming much council time was the city-owned Springhill Lake golf course. Councilman Tom White objected to a request by city manager James Giese for the purchase of a \$640 greens mower. He felt that as long as the future status of the golf course was uncertain no further money should be appropriated for its maintenance. He pointed to the \$6,000 spent in the current fiscal year for the course's upkeep, which, he said, was done without council reaching a decision on whether or not it would keep the golf course or convert it into other recreational use.

Councilman Gil Weidenfeld, in reply, noted first that the golf course is a unique facility. It cost the SHL apartment owners up to

\$80,000 to build and, he said, one does not discard such a facility by default. The reasonable approach, he said, is to assume the continued operation of the facility until a contrary decision is reached. PRAB is now studying the question of the golf course's future but no report is expected for some time.

Weidenfeld further commented that the reason for the purchase of the greens mower is to cut down the \$6,000 maintenance cost, since much of the latter involved contracting work which would no longer be needed if the city purchased its own equipment. He also thought the reference to \$6,000 was unfair since in any event the city would have to spend money to maintain the property whether as ballfields, picnic grounds, or a golf course.

Giese pointed out that unless the city arranges to maintain the golf course property, especially the existing greens, a considerable loss of their value to the city would occur. He also noted that in all discussions relating to the golf course to date, there have been no proposals to totally eliminate all the greens.

White could pick up no support for his viewpoint, and the greens mower purchase was approved 4 to 1. Also approved by the same vote was a decision to establish a new green for the first fairway, an action necessitated by the fact that the original first green was located on SHL apartment property now being used for a parking lot.

Garden Plots

PRAB recommended that garden plots not be allowed at the Lake Park behind the warehouse and recommended the use of parcel 7 instead. Council responded that it was too late to make changes for this year, but that it would consider PRAB's suggestions next year. Council made clear that its granting of garden plots near the warehouse was for this year only and was not deemed a precedent.

Swim Pool Rates

An increase in swimming pool rates was officially enacted, the first since 1971. The new family season rate goes from \$35 to \$40, but the old rate will prevail for those who purchase season passes before the pool opens at the end of May. Daily admission rates go up from \$1 to \$1.25, with proportionate increases for most other fees.

Other Matters

The council approved an expenditure of \$280 for mosquito control spraying... also, a \$5,000 expenditure for operation of Greenbelt CARES through June 30... Approved for final passage was a charter change which would put a \$2,500 limit on what the city could purchase without requiring a formal bid procedure. The previous limit was \$1,000, established in 1973... Council approved employment of John D. Emler and Associates of Silver Spring to perform road inspection work for the city... Introduced for first reading was an ordinance that would place city standards for construction of roads within 120 ft. rights-of-way equal to that of the county... City will waive penalty taxes for Charlestowne Village because of confusion over reassessment status of condominium units.

Recreation Review

GYM CLOSED

The Youth Center Gym is closed for repairs, but the lounge is open.

YOUTH CENTER SPRING HRS.

Spring hours are now in effect at the Youth Center. Recreation Areas - Mon. - Fri. 3:30-5:30 p.m., and 7 - 10 p.m.; Sat. 9-5 p.m. and

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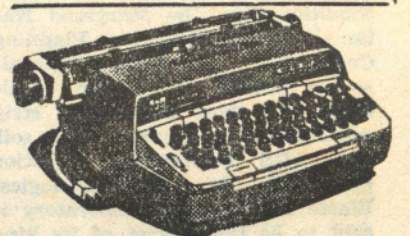
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Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Pauline Pritzker, 19-D Ridge, who recently underwent surgery. Pauline is a staff member of the News Review.

Members of Boy Scout Troop #746 have been participating in the city's glass reclamation project since December 1972. Money received from this has been used by the troop to aid troop members who plan to attend Goshen Scout Camp and Training Centers in Virginia. Troop #746 plans to continue its glass recycling efforts.

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by Peter Bracken, age 13

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GREENBELT SCHOOLS

Oakcrest Faculty Enthused Over Projects and Activities

(The following article is the third of a series on schools serving the Greenbelt community.)

by Jim O'Sullivan

Three bricks high and rising. That's the report on the wall being built by the sixth graders at Oakcrest Elementary School, 120 of whom are from Springhill Lake. When the weather is favorable, students from Bladensburg Senior High School go over to Oakcrest and work on laying the brick. The Oakcrest children help them with the project. Upon completion (hopefully by June) the wall will be 8 feet high and 116 feet long and will close in an area behind the school to be used for science and agricultural projects.

Plans for the area include a greenhouse, a fish pond, a solar teepee, and a solar stove. The Oakcrest children have also used the project to learn about the financial planning involved in such an undertaking. They study the blueprints for the project and even applied for the construction permits. Such complete involvement in the project stimulates the children's pride and self-confidence.

In that sense the wall is fulfilling the school's purpose as seen by its principal, Philip G. Stroup. Stroup says the school's goal is to develop a positive self-image in each child. Stroup believes in stressing the "can do" capabilities of the children. If a student answers five out of ten problems correctly on a mathematics test, for example, Stroup says that the child should be told that he had five right, not that he had five wrong. Accentuating the positive achievements and making the child feel he is a worthwhile person is what he feels the school is all about.

One of the school's most dynamic staff members is Teresa Gushee. Second in charge at the school this year, Ms. Gushee seems to have an inexhaustible supply of energy and enthusiasm. She is particularly interested in the school's Career Education classroom. One half of the room is equipped with power saws, drills, woodworking tools, and stacks of lumber and other materials. There the children work on projects such as wind chimes, dioramas, letter holders, cars, trucks, boats, airplanes, puzzles. The children love it when it is their class's turn for a trip to the shop. The projects are not just play projects, however. They are carefully related to work that is going on in the classroom.

Like reading, for example. Assigned to the Career Education classroom is a full time aide who works with children to develop their reading skills through a functional approach. Children working in the kitchen (which is new this year), build skills through reading recipes, for example.

Reading program

Oakcrest's reading program is one of the things Principal Stroup has worked hardest on. Stroup adjusted his budget for this year, making cuts in the music program in order to add a full-time reading specialist to the staff. (The school now has a half-time rather than full-time music teacher). Stroup feels that the change was justified since reading is such a fundamental skill. His goal is to have all the students in the school reading on grade level.

Gail Eigenbrode, the school's full-time reading specialist, has been working to build up the reading resource materials to meet the needs of students ranging from remedial to enrichment programs. A careful system of testing is used to pinpoint strengths and weaknesses.

Student Government

Ms. Gushee is also proud of the student involvement in the affairs of the school. She and Stroup are co-sponsors of the school's student government which has been very active this year. The Student Council has sponsored sock hops and talent shows and is planning to show a film in the future. The council is particularly excited about an upcoming council meeting on April 4 to which members of the Board of Education have been invited as observers. Last year the council decided on the school colors (green and yellow) and picked the dragon as the

school's symbol. At a recent Dragon Day at the school everyone wore their Oakcrest Dragon sweat-shirts. Stroup feels that the council is another means for carrying out the positive self-concept philosophy and developing responsibility by having the children participate in the making of some rules. The officers of this year's council are: Sharon Weidenfeld, president; Mark Smith, vice-president; Debbie Caldwell, treasurer; Nicole Spencer, secretary; and Jose Todd, parliamentarian.

Stroup, who came to Oakcrest as principal in September of 1972, got a whole new school community after the desegregation of the county's schools went into effect in January of 1973. Before desegregation Oakcrest had approximately 530 students, the great majority of whom were black. The school enrollment is now approximately 425, with 240 black students and 185 white. This gives the school a black enrollment of 56.5% which makes Oakcrest one of a half dozen schools in the county that exceeds the 50% maximum black enrollment set down in the court's guidelines. Stroup said that he knows of no plans at present to change this situation. "I've heard nothing about altering boundaries," Stroup said.

The new students coming to Oakcrest by bus had previously attended schools in Berwyn Heights and Springhill Lake. Approximately 120 children from Springhill Lake make the 10 mile bus ride to Landover each morning to attend Oakcrest.

Stroup feels that the changeover went fairly smoothly at Oakcrest. Before busing went into effect Oakcrest was preparing for it. Oakcrest children visited other schools, having lunch there and attending classes. Also the Oakcrest student government made a visit to Springhill Lake Elementary School.

No Vandalism

Stroup says that the school has virtually no vandalism problem, and attributes this to the well kept up basketball court on the school grounds where high school students can play. He says that there has been only one illegal entry into the school in the last two years and that there was no damage done on that occasion.

Stroup also feels that other behavior problems are minimal. He says that the school has no signs of any drug use. He does not feel that the school has any unusual discipline problems either. He cites the statistic that five students are now under suspension. Initially there were some behavior problems on the buses but Stroup feels that the system of warnings is keeping this situation under control.

One thing Oakcrest has plenty of right now is classroom space. Just before busing went into effect 10 classrooms were added to the school's original 14, giving the school a maximum capacity of 720. With a current enrollment of 425 the school is well under that figure. The building was originally constructed in 1966.

The instructional staff consists of 14 classroom teachers, 1 resource teacher, 2 room resource teachers, 1 physical education teacher, a half time music teacher, a fulltime reading specialist, 4 Operation Moving Ahead aides, 2 half time Head Start teachers and one aide in the Career Education room who works on reading. The school also has a health aide, a part-time librarian and part-time

GHI MEMBERS TOLD THEY MUST FACE UP TO ENERGY CRISIS

by Alexander Barnes

Sixty members attended the second of two Greenbelt Homes, Inc. informational meetings on Wednesday, March 13 to discuss energy-saving and long-range planning programs currently being worked on by the GHI board. The board was represented by directors James W. Smith, president, Thomas X. White, treasurer, and Hugh B. O'Donnell, chairman of the Planning, Engineering & Maintenance committee.

Smith made a brief presentation on his longer memorandum which noted the budget changes necessitated by the membership refusing to allow GHI payments to be increased above the 10% level.

White then presented a "Projected Cash Flow for 1974 Operations". This shows the GHI cash balance reaching a minimum of \$125,000 on June 1. The cash is being reduced up to that point because of heavy fuel purchases. In spite of the tight cash and budget positions White made the point that money would have to be spent either in making the heating plants more efficient or in spending more for fuel.

O'Donnell then went over the Board's "Affirmative Action Program". This program, generally committed to "achieving increased efficiency of operation within GHI" is specifically directed to the goal of a 15% overall reduction in the consumption of fuel oil in 1974.

A contract for \$51,000 has been awarded and work started for improved plants. This will also allow for the use of the cheaper #4 oil at these plants which serve 700 of the corporation's 1600 units.

Bids to convert 12 Court Ridge from steam to hot water are being evaluated. This pilot project, estimated to cost about \$6,000, will be closely watched to determine the feasibility of converting more of the smaller heating systems to hot water.

In response to a question, O'Donnell indicated that the possibility of a similar pilot project for electric heat (recommended by the TAA consultants last year) was not being actively pursued. In spite of the increasing price of oil, it still appears to be a cheaper producer of heat than electricity.

The Board has also authorized funds for the retention of a consultant to come up with a plan to insulate the crawl spaces. These have deteriorated over the years causing structural damage in addition to high heat loss. It is hoped that this project could yield substantial heat and cost savings.

The floor was opened to questions following O'Donnell's presentation. Why, one member asked, has the question of heating been delayed until now? Smith responded that from his own knowledge that as far back as 1962 the board had been discussing these issues. But at that time the plants were ten years younger and fuel was much cheaper. Up until recently the proposed programs were more costly than the extra fuel consumed.

Why are we locked into one supplier? Couldn't we shop around and get a better price, asked another member. Last year, Smith explained, no one responded to the corporation's requests for bids to supply its fuel oil, even after the manager personally contacted suppliers on the telephone. Only Takoma would agree to supply fuel at all. Since then the price has been controlled by the government.

Another member was informed, in response to his question, that the corporation does check to make sure that the fuel oil for which they are being billed is delivered.

speech therapist, and a part-time instrumental music teacher.

A visitor who comes to Oakcrest is immediately greeted by the school's motto just inside the front door: "Let this be a place where a child's uniqueness is entertained and cherished." Everyone at Oakcrest is working hard to achieve that goal.

GHI Fuel Oil Box Score

Because of a milder winter and fuel-conservation measures, Greenbelt Homes, Inc. has purchased 181,000 fewer gallons of fuel oil during this heating season, compared with last year. But because the average price per gallon more than doubled, GHI spent through February \$202,617 more this heating season than last. During the first two months of 1974, GHI spent \$207,255 for fuel oil, amounting to 32 percent of the \$647,189 budgeted for the entire year.

	Gallons Purchased	Average cost per gallon	Amount spent
September 1972	47,376	13.02c	\$6,169
October 1972	212,820	13.07	27,811
November 1972	261,656	13.06	34,172
December 1972	297,443	13.07	38,833
January 1973	310,075	13.08	40,546
February 1973	315,817	14.17	44,762

Total, Sept. 1972 - Feb. 1973 1,445,187 \$192,293

September 1973	36,886	23.65c	8,723
October 1973	125,843	23.72	29,851
November 1973	232,593	27.82	64,713
December 1973	276,813	30.48	84,368
January 1974	310,450	33.80	104,920
February 1974	281,809	36.31	102,335

Total, Sep. 1973 - Feb. 1974 1,264,394 \$394,910



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